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## Dial site now fenced

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After learning at a Monday meeting with State Health Department officials that the area where Sooner Dial Company had been located contained some spots where radiation levels were unacceptable, Clinton City Manager James Luckett ordered the site at 1002 South 10th Street fenced off.

City workers put up a wire fence around the area Tuesday and barricaded the alley west of the former building where some areas of high radiation concentration had been found.

Luckett said that while the city picked up the tab on the fencing, the bill was under \$75.

Currently, the city manager is researching the situation and visiting with health physicists "to study the rules and learn what we can do."

A city health physicist has not yet been hired, but Luckett said the city's plans were to locate one as soon as possible.

Since State Health Department officials told him that while the site was a "potential health hazard" it wasn't considered a danger to persons off the site, Luckett said the purpose of the fence and barricade was to keep people from walking across the area.

Sooner Dial ceased operations in 1969. The sale of some silk screens used by the firm triggered the investigation when the screens were discovered to contain unacceptable levels of radiation. The screens wound up in or near Houston, Texas and the radiation levels were reported to Texas Department of Public Health who passed the information on to the Oklahoma State Department of Health, triggering the tests at the former Sooner Dial location.

City officials agree that only the site of the former company is involved and that "hot spots" are limited to the surface soil.

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